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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET MFA ON SOVIET TRAWLER OFF ALASKA

REF: MOSCOW 0329, STATE 005950

1. DURING MEETING WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON SECRETARY'S VISIT SCHEDULE, MINISTER-COUNSELOR FEDOSEYEV OF MFA USA DIVISION STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM US THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS PUZZLED BY OUR ATTITUDE ON THE SOVIET TRAWLER IN DISTRESS OFF THE COAST OF ALASKA (REFTEL). HE SAID THAT THE U.S. AUTHORITIES DO NOT PERMIT SOVIET VESSELS TO ASSIST IT, BUT NEITHER ARE THEY TAKING ANY STEPS THEMSELVES. FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE U.S. IS BEHAVING IN AN "UNGENTLEMANLY WAY."

2. FEDOSEYEV THEN ADMITTED THAT HIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN BASED ON REPORTS REACHING MOSCOW ON SATURDAY, AND THE THE SITUATION MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT NOW.

3. POLCOUNS REITERATED CONTENTS OF REF DEPARTMENT
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CABLE (ORIGINALLY PASSED TO MFA JANUARY 10) AND

NOTED THAT FEDOSEYEV'S STATEMENT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED
TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4. REQUEST STATUS REPORT ON THE TRAWLER'S SITUATION
AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW WE SHOULD REPLY TO FEDOSEYEV.
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